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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

CONCISE EXPLANATION OF
RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The foregoing documents came to Applicants' attention during the prosecution of the corresponding French application. A copy of the French Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner.

Documents A3, (U.S. 5,633,438) and A8, (U.S. 5,756,324) relate to document A12, (WIPO 96/16182).

Documents A1 (U.S. 5,356,799), A4 (U.S. 5,728,558), A6 (U.S. 5,728,926) and A7 (U.S. 5,741,684) relate to document A13, (WIPO 90/08828).

Document A11, (U.S. 5,859,328) relates to document A22 (WIPO 94/25613).

Document A10 (U.S. 5,808,034) relates to document A24 (WIPO 90/08830).

Documents A2 (U.S. 5,583,210), A5 (5,728,817) and A9 (U.S. 5,760,190) relate to document A25 (WIPO 94/21804).

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date of the application.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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